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The meeting was called to order at 10.15 a.m.

Elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments (E/2006/2/Add.1)

Commission on Population and Development (E/2006/9)

1. **The President** invited the Council to elect eight members to the Commission on Population and Development. The eight new members would be elected for a four-year term, beginning at the first meeting of the Commission's forty-first session, in 2007, and expiring at the close of its forty-fourth session, in 2011.

2. **Mr. Seth** (Secretary of the Council) said that Benin and Equatorial Guinea had been endorsed by the Group of African States; the Islamic Republic of Iran had been endorsed by the Group of Asian States; and Poland was the candidate from the Group of Eastern European States.

3. **The President** said that, since the number of candidates from each regional group was equal to the number of vacancies for the group, he took it that the Council wished to elect by acclamation the candidates proposed.

4. *It was so decided.*

5. *Benin, Equatorial Guinea, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Poland were elected members of the Commission on Population and Development.*

6. **The President** said that, in the absence of any other candidates for the Commission on Population and Development, he took it that the Council wished to postpone the election of one member from the Group of Asian States, two members from the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States and one member from the Group of Western European and other States.

7. *It was so decided.*

Commission for Social Development (E/2006/9)

8. **The President** invited the Council to elect 14 members to the Commission for Social Development. The 14 new members would be elected for a four-year term beginning at the first meeting of the Commission's forty-sixth session, in 2007, and expiring at the close of its forty-ninth session, in 2011.

9. **Mr. Seth** (Secretary of the Council) said that Benin, Cameroon, Egypt and Namibia had been endorsed by the Group of African States; India, Nepal and the United Arab Emirates had been endorsed by the Group of Asian States; Cuba, Jamaica and Mexico had been endorsed by the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States; and Spain had been endorsed by the Group of Western European and other States.

10. **The President** said that, since the number of candidates from each regional group was equal to the number of vacancies for the group, he took it that the Council wished to elect by acclamation the candidates proposed.

11. *It was so decided.*

12. *Benin, Cameroon, Cuba, Egypt, India, Jamaica, Mexico, Namibia, Nepal, Spain and the United Arab Emirates were elected members of the Commission for Social Development.*

13. **The President** said that, in the absence of any other candidates for the Commission for Social Development, he took it that the Council wished to postpone the election of one member from the Group of Eastern European States and two members from the Group of Western European and other States for a four-year term beginning at the Commission's forty-sixth session and expiring at the close of its forty-ninth session.

14. *It was so decided.*

Commission on the Status of Women (E/2006/9)

15. **The President** invited the Council to elect 11 members to the Commission on the Status of Women for a four-year term beginning at the first meeting of the Commission's fifty-second session, in 2007, and expiring at the close of the Commission's fifty-fifth session, in 2011.

16. **Mr. Seth** (Secretary of the Council) said that Gabon, Namibia and Niger had been endorsed by the Group of African States; Cambodia, Iraq and Pakistan had been nominated by the Group of Asian States; Armenia and Azerbaijan had been endorsed by the Group of Eastern European States; Paraguay had been endorsed by the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States; and Belgium, Spain and Turkey had been endorsed by the Group of Western European and other States.

17. **The President** said that, since the number of candidates from the African States, Eastern European States, Latin American and Caribbean States and Western European and other States was equal to the number of vacancies for those groups, he took it that the Council wished to elect by acclamation the proposed candidates.

18. *It was so decided.*

19. *Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Gabon, Namibia, Niger, Paraguay, Spain and Turkey were elected members of the Commission on the Status of Women.*

20. **The President** invited the Council to elect, by secret ballot, two members from the Group of Asian States.

21. *At the invitation of the President, Ms. Manuel (Angola) and Ms. Tabouri (France) acted as tellers.*

22. *A vote was taken by secret ballot.*

Number of ballot papers:	52
Number of valid ballots:	52
Abstentions:	0
Number of members voting:	52
Required majority:	27
Number of votes obtained:	
Cambodia	39
Pakistan	35
Iraq	26

23. *Having obtained the required majority, Cambodia and Pakistan were elected members of the Commission on the Status of Women.*

Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (E/2006/9)

24. **The President** invited the Council to elect 20 members to the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2007.

25. **Mr. Seth** (Secretary of the Council) said that Cameroon, Nigeria, Sierra Leone and South Africa had been endorsed by the Group of African States; India, Indonesia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates had been endorsed by the Group of Asian States; the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine had been endorsed by the Group of Eastern European States; Argentina, Colombia, Guatemala, Jamaica and Brazil had been endorsed by the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States; and Canada, Turkey, the United Kingdom and the United States of America had been endorsed by the Group of Western European and other States.

26. **The President** said that, since the number of candidates from each regional group was equal to or less than the number of vacancies for the group, he took it that the Council wished to elect by acclamation the candidates proposed.

27. *It was so decided.*

28. *Argentina, Brazil, Cameroon, Canada, Colombia, Guatemala, India, Indonesia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Jamaica, Nigeria, the Republic of Moldova, Saudi Arabia, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Turkey, Ukraine, the United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom and the United States of America were elected members of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice.*

29. **The President** said that with regard to the remaining vacancy left over from the previous year's elections to the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice the Council had been advised that the United Republic of Tanzania had been endorsed by the Group of African States to fill the seat. He took it that the Council wished to elect the United Republic of Tanzania to the Commission by acclamation for a term that would begin on 10 May 2006 and expire on 31 December 2008.

30. *It was so decided.*

Commission on Sustainable Development (E/2006/9)

31. **The President** invited the Council to elect 17 members to the Commission on Sustainable Development for a three-year term which would begin at the organizational meeting of the Commission's sixteenth session, in 2007, and expire at the close of the Commission's eighteenth session, in 2010.

32. **Mr. Seth** (Secretary of the Council) said that Cape Verde, Gambia, Guinea and South Africa had been endorsed by the Group of African States; Bahrain, India, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Japan had been endorsed by the Group of Asian States; Croatia and Poland had been endorsed by the Group of Eastern European States; Costa Rica, Guatemala and Haiti had been endorsed by the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States; and France and the Netherlands had been endorsed by the Group of Western European and other States.

33. **The President** said that, since the number of candidates from each regional group was equal to the number of vacancies for the group, he took it that the Council wished to elect by acclamation the proposed candidates.

34. *It was so decided.*

35. **Mr. Fries** (Sweden) said that his country wished to be included among the candidates for membership of the Commission on Sustainable Development.

36. **The President** said he took it that the Council wished to elect Sweden to the Commission on Sustainable Development.

37. *It was so decided.*

38. *Bahrain, Cape Verde, Costa Rica, Croatia, France, Gambia, Guatemala, Guinea, Haiti, India, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Japan, the Netherlands, Poland, South Africa and Sweden were elected members of the Commission on Sustainable Development.*

39. **The President** said that, in the absence of any other candidates for the Commission on Sustainable Development, he took it that the Council wished to postpone the election of one member from the Group of Western European and other States.

40. *It was so decided.*

Commission on Science and Technology for Development (E/2006/9)

41. **The President** invited the Council to elect 17 members to the Commission on Science and Technology for Development for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2007.

42. **Mr. Seth** (Secretary of the Council) said that Eritrea, Lesotho, Tunisia and Uganda had been endorsed by the Group of African States; China, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Malaysia had been endorsed by the Group of Asian States; Belarus had been endorsed by, and Latvia was a candidate for, the Group of Eastern European States; Cuba, the Dominican Republic and El Salvador had been endorsed by the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States; and France and Germany had been endorsed by the Group of Western European and other States.

43. **The President** said that, since the number of candidates from each regional group was equal to or less than the number of vacancies for the group, he took it that the Council wished to elect by acclamation the candidates proposed.

44. *It was so decided.*

45. **Mr. Malhotra** (India) said that his country wished to be included among the candidates for membership of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development.

46. **The President** said he took it that the Council wished to elect India to the Commission on Science and Technology for Development.

47. *It was so decided.*

48. *Belarus, China, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Eritrea, France, Germany, India, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Latvia, Lesotho, Malaysia, Tunisia and Uganda were elected to the Commission on Science and Technology for Development.*

49. **The President** said that, in the absence of any other candidates for the Commission on Science and Technology for Development, he took it that the Council wished to postpone the election of one member from the Group of Asian States and two members from the Group of Western European and other States.

50. *It was so decided.*

Committee for Programme and Coordination (E/2006/9/Add.15)

51. **The President** invited the Council to nominate seven members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination for election by the General Assembly for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2007.

52. **Mr. Seth** (Secretary of the Council) said that Comoros and Zimbabwe had been endorsed by the Group of African States; the Russian Federation had been endorsed by the Group of Eastern European States; and Haiti had been endorsed by the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States.

53. **The President** said that, since the number of candidates from each regional group was equal to or less than the number of vacancies for the group, he took it that the Council wished to nominate them for election by the General Assembly.

54. *It was so decided.*

55. *Comoros, Haiti, the Russian Federation and Zimbabwe were nominated for election by the General Assembly to the Committee for Programme and Coordination.*

56. **The President** said that, in the absence of any other nominees for the upcoming vacancies on the Committee for Programme and Coordination, he took it that the Council wished to postpone the nomination of one member from the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States and two members from the Group of Western European and other States.

57. *It was so decided.*

58. **The President** said he wished to remind the Council that there was one leftover vacancy from the previous year on the Committee for Programme and Coordination in the Western European and other States Group. To date, no nominee had been proposed to fill the seat.

Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations
(E/2006/9/Add.1)

59. **The President** invited the Council to nominate 19 members of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations for election by the General Assembly for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2007.

60. **Mr. Seth** (Secretary of the Council) said that Angola, Burundi, Egypt, Guinea and the Sudan had been endorsed by the Group of African States; China, India, Pakistan and Qatar had been endorsed by the Group of Asian States; Romania and the Russian Federation had been endorsed by the Group of Eastern European States; Colombia, Cuba, Dominica and Peru had been endorsed by the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States; and Israel, Turkey, the United Kingdom and the United States had been endorsed by the Group of Western European and other States.

61. **The President** said that, since the number of candidates was equal to the number of vacancies in the case of the Group of African States, the Group of Eastern European States and the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States, he took it that the Council wished to elect by acclamation the candidates proposed.

62. *It was so decided.*

63. *Angola, Burundi, China, Colombia, Cuba, Dominica, Egypt, Guinea, India, Israel, Pakistan, Peru, Qatar, Romania, the Russian Federation, the Sudan, Turkey, the United Kingdom and the United States of America were elected members of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations.*

Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting
(E/2006/9/Add.2)

64. **The President** invited the Council to elect 13 members to the Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2007.

65. **Mr. Seth** (Secretary of the Council) said that Benin, Burundi, Nigeria and Tunisia had been endorsed by the Group of African States; Cyprus had been endorsed by the Group of Asian States; and Poland and Slovakia had been endorsed by the Group of Eastern European States.

66. **The President** said that, since the number of candidates from each regional group was equal to or less than the number of vacancies for the group, he took it that the Council wished to elect by acclamation the candidates proposed.

67. *It was so decided.*

68. *Benin, Burundi, Cyprus, Nigeria, Poland, Slovakia and Tunisia were elected members of the Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting.*

69. **The President** said that, in the absence of other candidates for the upcoming vacancies on the Working Group, he took it that the Council wished to postpone the election of three members from the Group of Asian States and three members from the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2007.

70. *It was so decided.*

71. **The President** drew the Council's attention to six outstanding vacancies on the Working Group for a term expiring on 31 December 2008. The Council had been advised that Sri Lanka was a candidate for the outstanding seat in the Group of Asian States. In the absence of any other candidates, he took it that the Council wished to elect Sri Lanka by acclamation to

the Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting for a three-year term beginning on 10 May 2006 and expiring on 31 December 2008.

72. *It was so decided.*

73. **The President** said that, in the absence of any other candidates for the outstanding vacancies on the Working Group, he took it that the Council wished to postpone further the election of two members from the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States and three members from the Group of Western European and other States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2008.

74. *It was so decided.*

Committee for Development Policy (E/2006/9/Add. 14)

75. **The President** drew attention to a note by the Secretary-General (E/2006/9/Add.14) regarding the appointment of 24 experts to the Committee for Development Policy asking that consideration of the nominations should be postponed. He took it that the Council agreed to postpone the consideration of the nominations.

76. *It was so decided.*

Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters (E/2006/9/Add.10)

77. **The President** invited the Council to elect one member to the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters to fill a vacancy arising from the resignation of Mr. Zhiyong Zhang of China, whose term of office expired on 30 June 2009. The Government of China had proposed Mr. Tizhong Liao, whose biographical information was contained in E/2006/9/Add.10. In the absence of other nominations, he took it that the Council wished to elect by acclamation Mr. Tizhong Liao of China to the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters for a term of office beginning on the date of election and expiring on 30 June 2009.

78. *It was so decided.*

79. *Mr. Tizhong Liao (China) was elected a member of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters.*

Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (E/2006/9/Add. 16 and Add. 17)

80. **The President** invited the Council to elect nine members to the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2007. The Council had been informed that the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania had withdrawn the candidacy of Mr. Khoti Amos Chilomba Kamanga.

81. **Mr. Seth** (Secretary of the Council) said that Mr. Kerdoun (Algeria) and Mr. Atangana (Cameroon) were unendorsed candidates from the Group of African States; Mr. Dasgupta (India) and Ms. Bonoan-Dandan (Philippines) had been endorsed by the Group of Asian States; Mr. Kolosov (Russian Federation) had been endorsed by the Group of Eastern European States; Mr. Marchán Romero (Ecuador) and Mr. Tirado Mejía (Colombia) had been endorsed by the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States; and Mr. Riedel (Germany) and Ms. Brás Gomes (Portugal) had been endorsed by the Group of Western European and other States.

82. **The President** said that, since the number of candidates was equal to the number of vacancies, he took it that the Council wished to elect by acclamation the candidates proposed.

83. *It was so decided.*

84. *Mr. Atangana (Cameroon), Ms. Bonoan-Dandan (Philippines), Ms. Brás Gomes (Portugal), Mr. Dasgupta (India), Mr. Kerdoun (Algeria), Mr. Kolosov (Russian Federation), Mr. Marchán Romero (Ecuador), Mr. Riedel (Germany) and Mr. Tirado Mejía (Columbia) were elected members of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.*

Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund (E/2006/9/Add.3)

85. **The President** invited the Council to elect 14 members to the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2007.

86. **Mr. Seth** (Secretary of the Council) said that Cameroon, the Central African Republic, Ethiopia, Mali and Mauritania had been endorsed by the Group of African States; India, Malaysia and Myanmar had been endorsed by the Group of Asian States; Croatia

had been endorsed by the Group of Eastern European States; the Bahamas had been endorsed by the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States; and Ireland, Portugal, Sweden and the United Kingdom had been endorsed by the Group of Western European and other States.

87. **The President** said that, since the number of candidates from each regional group was equal to the number of vacancies for the group, he took it that the Council wished to elect by acclamation the candidates proposed.

88. *It was so decided.*

89. **The President** said that the Council had been informed that Canada, Germany and Spain were resigning their seats on the Executive Board effective 31 December 2006. Turkey had been endorsed to complete the term of office of Canada, whose term expired on 31 December 2008; Belgium had been endorsed to complete the term of office of Germany, whose term expired on 31 December 2007; and Switzerland had been endorsed to replace Spain, whose term expired on 31 December 2008. He took it that the Council wished to elect Belgium, Switzerland and Turkey to the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund for the aforementioned terms of office.

90. *It was so decided.*

91. *Bahamas, Belgium, Cameroon, the Central African Republic, Croatia, Ethiopia, India, Ireland, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritania, Myanmar, Portugal, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey and the United Kingdom were elected members of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund.*

Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
(A/RES/60/127)

92. **The President** drew attention to General Assembly resolution 60/127, in which the Assembly had decided to enlarge the membership of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees from 68 to 70 seats and had requested the Council to elect the two new members. He invited the Council to elect two States to fill the new seats.

93. **Mr. Seth** (Secretary of the Council) said that the proposed candidates for election to the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees were Jordan and Portugal.

94. **The President** said that he took it that the Council wished to elect by acclamation the candidates proposed.

95. *It was so decided.*

96. *Jordan and Portugal were elected members of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.*

97. **The President** drew attention to document E/2006/3, in which the Government of Costa Rica requested the Council to consider expanding the membership of the Executive Committee to 71 seats. The request would be considered by the Council at its substantive session in July 2006.

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund
(E/2006/9/Add.4)

98. **The President** invited the Council to elect 14 members to the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2007.

99. **Mr. Seth** (Secretary of the Council) said that Angola, the Central African Republic, Malawi, Senegal and Somalia had been endorsed by the Group of African States; Bhutan, China and India had been endorsed by the Group of Asian States; Serbia and Montenegro was an unendorsed candidate from the Group of Eastern European States; Antigua and Barbuda and Panama were unendorsed candidates from the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States; and Germany, Greece, Spain and Sweden had been endorsed by the Group of Western European and other States.

100. **The President** said that, since the number of candidates was equal to the number of vacancies in the case of the Group of African States, the Group of Asian States, the Group of Eastern European States and the Group of Western European and other States, he took it that the Council wished to elect by acclamation the candidates proposed.

101. *It was so decided.*

102. **The President** invited the Council to elect, by secret ballot, one member from the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States.

103. *At the invitation of the President, Ms. Li Xiaomei (China) and Mr. Boonpracong (Thailand) acted as tellers.*

104. *A vote was taken by secret ballot.*

Number of ballot papers:	53
Number of valid ballots:	53
Abstentions:	1
Number of members voting:	52
Required majority:	27
Number of votes obtained:	
Antigua and Barbuda:	33
Panama	19

105. *Having obtained the required majority, Antigua and Barbuda was elected a member of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund.*

106. **The President** said that the Council had been informed that New Zealand and Turkey were resigning their seats on the Executive Board effective 1 January 2007 and that Belgium and Italy had been endorsed by their respective Groups to replace them. Belgium would replace New Zealand, whose term expired on 31 December 2008, and Italy would replace Turkey, whose term expired on 31 December 2007. He took it that the Council wished to elect Belgium and Italy to the Executive Board of UNDP/UNFPA for the aforementioned terms of office.

107. *It was so decided.*

108. *Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Belgium, Bhutan, the Central African Republic, China, Germany, Greece, India, Italy, Malawi, Senegal, Serbia and Montenegro, Somalia, Spain and Sweden were elected members of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund.*

Executive Board of the World Food Programme
(E/2006/9/Add.5)

109. **The President** invited the Council to elect six members to the Executive Board of the World Food Programme for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2007.

110. **Mr. Seth** (Secretary of the Council) said that Cape Verde had been endorsed by the Group of African States; India and the Islamic Republic of Iran had been endorsed by the Group of Asian States; the Russian Federation had been endorsed by the Group of Eastern European States; and New Zealand and Sweden had been endorsed by the Group of Western European and other States.

111. **The President** said that, since the number of candidates from each regional group was equal to the number of vacancies for the group, he took it that the Council wished to elect by acclamation the candidates proposed.

112. *It was so decided.*

113. *Cape Verde, India, the Islamic Republic of Iran, New Zealand, the Russian Federation and Sweden were elected members of the Executive Board of the World Food Programme.*

Executive Board of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women
(E/2006/9/Add.7)

114. **The President** invited the Council to elect 10 members to the Executive Board of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2007.

115. **Mr. Seth** (Secretary of the Council) said that Spain was an unendorsed candidate from the Group of Western European and other States.

116. **The President** said that, since the number of candidates from each regional group was equal to or less than the number of vacancies for those groups, he took it that the Council wished to elect by acclamation the candidate proposed.

117. *It was so decided.*

118. *Spain was elected a member of the Executive Board of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women.*

119. **The President** said that, in the absence of any other candidates for election to the Executive Board of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women, he took it that the Council agreed to postpone the election of two members from the Group of African States, two members from the Group of Asian States, two members from the Group of

Eastern European States, two members from the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States and one member from the Group of Western European and other States for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2007.

120. *It was so decided.*

121. **The President** appealed to the regional groups to submit their nominees for the nine vacancies at the earliest opportunity to allow the Executive Board to hold its meeting in the coming year.

122. The Council had been informed of the resignation of the Czech Republic, which had been elected to the Board for a term expiring on 31 December 2006. In the absence of any nominee from the Group of Eastern European States to fill the vacancy, he took it that the Council agreed to postpone the election of a member from that group to the Executive Board for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2006.

123. *It was so decided.*

Committee for the United Nations Population Award
(E/2006/9/Add.6)

124. **The President** invited the Council to elect 10 members to the Committee for the United Nations Population Award for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2007.

125. **Mr. Seth** (Secretary of the Council) said that Bangladesh was an unendorsed candidate from the Group of African States; Haiti and Peru had been endorsed by the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States.

126. **Mr. Gharibi** (Observer for the Islamic Republic of Iran) recalled that his delegation had announced its candidacy for re-election to the Committee for the United Nations Population Award.

127. **The President** said that, since the number of candidates from each regional group was equal to or less than the number of vacancies for those groups, he took it that the Council wished to elect by acclamation the candidates proposed.

128. *It was so decided.*

129. *Bangladesh, Haiti, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Peru were elected members of the Committee for the United Nations Population Award.*

130. **The President** said that, in the absence of any other candidates for election to the Committee for the United Nations Population Award, he took it that the Council agreed to postpone the election of three members from the Group of African States, one member from the Group of Asian States, one member from the Group of Eastern European States and one member from the Group of Western European and other States for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2007.

131. *It was so decided.*

Programme Coordination Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (UNAIDS)
(E/2006/9/Add.8)

132. **The President** invited the Council to elect nine members to the Programme Coordination Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2007.

133. **Mr. Seth** (Secretary of the Council) said that Senegal and Zambia had been endorsed by the Group of African States; Japan and Myanmar had been endorsed by the Group of Asian States; Slovakia was an unendorsed candidate from the Group of Eastern European States; El Salvador had been endorsed by the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States; and Belgium was an unendorsed candidate from the Group of Western European and other States.

134. **The President** said that, since the number of candidates from each regional group was equal to or less than the number of vacancies for those groups, he took it that the Council wished to elect by acclamation the candidates proposed.

135. *It was so decided.*

136. **The President** said that, in the absence of any other candidates for election to the Programme Coordination Board of UNAIDS, he took it that the Council agreed to postpone the election of two members from the Group of Western European and other States for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2007.

137. *It was so decided.*

138. **The President** said that the Council had been informed that Finland was resigning its seat on the Programme Coordination Board effective 1 June 2006 and that Norway had been nominated to complete the term of office, which expired on 31 December 2008.

139. He took it that the Council wished to elect Norway to complete Finland's term of office on the Programme Coordination Board beginning 1 June 2006.

140. *It was so decided.*

141. *Belgium, El Salvador, Japan, Myanmar, Norway, Senegal, Slovakia and Zambia were elected members of the Programme Coordination Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (UNAIDS).*

Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (E/2006/9/Add.9)

142. **The President** invited the Council to elect 20 members to the Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2007.

143. **Mr. Seth** (Secretary of the Council) said that Burundi, Equatorial Guinea, Mauritania, Niger, Senegal and Zimbabwe had been endorsed by the Group of African States; Indonesia, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Japan had been endorsed by the Group of Asian States; Poland and the Russian Federation had been endorsed by the Group of Eastern European States; and the United States had been endorsed by the Group of Western European and other States.

144. **Mr. Chaudhry** (Pakistan) said that his delegation wished to announce its candidacy for the Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme.

145. **The President** said that, since the number of candidates from each regional group was equal to or less than the number of vacancies, he took it that the Council wished to elect by acclamation the candidates proposed.

146. *It was so decided.*

147. *Burundi, Equatorial Guinea, Indonesia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Japan, Mauritania, Niger, Pakistan, Poland, the Russian Federation, Senegal, the United States of America and Zimbabwe were elected members of the Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme.*

148. **The President** said that, in the absence of any other candidates for upcoming vacancies in the Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, he took it that the Council agreed to postpone the election of four members from the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States and three members from the Group of Western European and other States for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2007.

149. *It was so decided.*

150. **The President** recalled that one vacancy remained in the Governing Council from the Group of Asian States for a term expiring on 31 December 2008. No candidates had been proposed to fill that vacancy.

The meeting rose at 11.52 a.m.